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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

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Application No.: 09/592,907)

Group Art Unit: 3753

Filed: 13 June 2000)

Examiner: J. Fox

For: CANISTER PURGE VALVE FOR HIGH)
REGENERATION AIR FLOW)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the non-final Office Action dated August 7, 2001 (Paper no. 6), the period for reply to which extends to November 7, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 4, after the paragraph that ends on line 5.

As shown in figure 5, the pin can include a first portion that is at least partially surrounded by the bobbin 6, and can also include a second portion that can permit and prohibit flow through the aperture of the valve seat 13. The first and second portions can be adjacent to each other. In a preferred embodiment, the first portion has a cross-sectional area that is greater than a cross-sectional area of the second portion.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 – 6 and 17 – 20 without prejudice or disclaimer.